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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please cancel Claims 6, 7 and 8.

A' Claim 5 (Amended) A peptide of the sequence D-Phe¹-Gln²-Trp³-Ala⁴-Val⁵-
Gly⁶-His⁷-Leu⁸-NH₂ wherein at least one of the amino acids at positions 1-8 is replaced by
Dxg, Leu is replaced by Ile, Trp is replaced by D-Trp or a combination thereof.

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Claim 9 (Amended) A peptide selected from the group consisting of:

[D-Phe-Gln-Trp-Ala-Val-Gly-His-Leu-NH₂ (SEQ ID NO: 11);]

D-Phe-Gln-Trp-Ala-Val-Aib-His-Leu-NH₂ (SEQ ID NO: 12);

D-Phe-Gln-Trp-Aib-Val-Gly-His-Leu-NH₂ (SEQ ID NO: 13);

D-Phe-Gln-Trp-Ala-Val-Aib-His-Leu-NH₂ (SEQ ID NO: 14);

D-Phe-Gln-Trp-Ala-Val-Gly-His-Ile-NH₂ (SEQ ID NO: 15);

D-Phe-Gln-Trp-Aib-Val-Gly-His-Ile-NH₂ (SEQ ID NO: 16);[and]

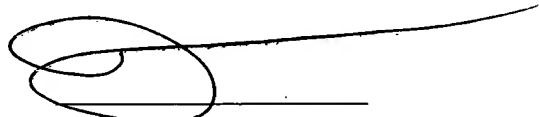
D-Phe-Gln-Trp-Ala-Val-Aib-His-Ile-NH₂ (SEQ ID NO: 17);

D-Phe-Gln-Trp-Ala-Val-Gly-His-Ile-NHEt (SEQ ID NO: 28) and

D-Phe-Gln-D-Trp-Ala-Val-Gly-His-Leu-NHEt (SEQ ID NO: 29);

wherein Aib represents alpha-amino isobutyric acid.

Respectfully submitted,



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